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Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-23 (Canceled)
24. (Previously presented) A method of treating a B cell lymphoma in a mammal, comprising administering a stable aqueous pharmaceutical formulation comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an antibody that binds CD20, the antibody not subjected to prior lyophilization, an acetate buffer from about pH 4.8 to about 5.5, a surfactant and a polyol, wherein the formulation lacks a tonicifying amount of sodium chloride.
25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the formulation is isotonic.
26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the formulation is stable at a temperature of about 2-8°C for at least one year.
27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the formulation is stable at a temperature of about 2-8°C for at least two years.
28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the formulation is stable at about 30°C for at least one month
29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the formulation is stable following freezing and thawing of the formulation.
30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the polyol is a nonreducing sugar.
31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the nonreducing sugar is trehalose.
32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the nonreducing sugar is sucrose.
33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the antibody is an antibody fragment.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 33 wherein the antibody fragment is a F(ab')₂.
35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the antibody concentration in the formulation is from about 0.1 to about 50 mg/mL.
36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35 wherein the antibody is present in an amount of about 30-50 mg/mL.
37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the surfactant is a polysorbate.
38. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the acetate is present in an amount of about 5-30 mM.
39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38 wherein the acetate is present in an amount of 10-30 mM.
40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24 wherein the formulation further comprises a preservative.
41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40 wherein the preservative is benzyl alcohol.
42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the acetate buffer is at pH 5.0.
43. (Currently amended) The method of claim 24 wherein the buffer is 10-30 mM sodium acetate at pH 5, the polyol is trehalose in an amount of about 2-10% w/v, the surfactant is a polysorbate in an amount of about 0.01-0.1% v/v, wherein the formulation further comprises benzyl alcohol as a preservative and wherein the formulation is stable at a temperature of about 2-8°C for at least two years.
44. (Canceled)